

REMARKS

Claims 2-4, 11-15, 17, 19 and 22-42 are pending in this application. Claims 2-4, 11-15, 17, 19 and 22-42 have been rejected. In this response, claims 13-15, 17, 19, 22-27, 33-34, and 36-37 have been amended to improve form. Claim 13 has also been amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101. Claims 2-4 and 11-12 have been cancelled. Claims 48-86 have been newly added.

No new matter has been added. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the Office Action dated November 21, 2008, are respectfully requested in view of the remarks below.

Interview Summary Statement

A telephonic interview was conducted between Examiner Jean B. Fleurantin and applicant's representative, Yenyun Fu. The undersigned representative wishes to thank Examiner Fleurantin for the telephonic interview conducted on January 22, 2009. During the interview, the 35 U.S.C. §101 rejection to claim 13 and applicant's proposed amendments for overcoming such rejections were discussed. Examiner Fleurantin recommended that applicant recite "computer-implemented" method and "computer-readable storage medium" in claim 13 to overcome the 35 U.S.C. §101 rejections.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for providing such guidance. Applicant herein submits the amendments based on the discussion with the Examiner.

35 U.S.C. §101 Rejections

Claim 13-15, 17, 19, 22-28, and 33-37

The Examiner has rejected claims 2-4, 11-15, 17, 19, and 22-42 under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. Of the claims 2-4, 11-15, 17, 19, and 22-42 that were rejected, claims 13-15, 17, 19, 22-28, and 33-37 are now pending.

Although applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejections, independent claim 13 has been amended for the purposes of expediting prosecution. Claim 13 has been amended to recite a "computer-implemented method" and a "computer-readable storage medium", according to the Examiner's recommendations. Support for such amendments can be found in at least paragraph [0181] of the specification.

The withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101 is thus respectfully requested for claims 13-15, 17, 19, 22-28, and 33-37.

Dependent Claims

In view of the above remarks, a specific discussion of the dependent claims is considered to be unnecessary. Therefore, applicant's silence regarding any dependent claim is not to be interpreted as agreement with, or acquiescence to, the rejection of such claim or as waiving any argument regarding that claim. Therefore, the remaining dependent claims are also patentable over the cited references. The withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101 is respectfully requested for claims 14-15, 17, 19, 22-28, and 33-37.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicated in the Office action (Page 3) that the rejection to claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) has been withdrawn. In view of the amendments to claim 13 overcoming the 35 U.S.C. §101 rejection, applicant thus submits that claim 13 is now allowable. The dependent claims of claim 13 (claims 14-15, 17, 19, 22-28, 33-37, and 48-86) are also allowable.

CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments and the preceding arguments, the applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance.

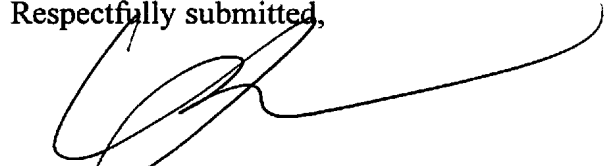
If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned counsel at (650) 838-4306 to arrange for such a conference.

No fees are believed to be due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment in fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

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